

lot my Congressional District—a District larger than the State of Florida. Through it all, Dan has been a model of integrity, hard work and professionalism. That service and leadership will be very difficult to replace.

As Dan's accomplished career with the federal government winds down, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for his service to our country. I know that his wife Linda, his daughter Kristi, and his son Josh couldn't possibly be prouder of him. That, Mr. Speaker, is a sentiment shared by Dan's friends, colleagues and associates, as well as the United States Congress.

Dan, congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for continued success and happiness during your well deserved retirement!

IN RECOGNITION OF ALICE WATERS BERKELEY PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 15TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in Celebration of a Community Treasure, Miss Alice Waters, chef and owner of Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley, California. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for her leadership in educating the public about the necessity to incorporate healthy, sustainable foods into their daily lives, and her active contributions to the schools, children and community of Berkeley.

Alice Waters is an internationally recognized and respected chef, author, activist, and humanitarian. She has brought about a wealth of positive changes to her community since she opened Chez Panisse in Berkeley thirty years ago. The philosophy behind the restaurant's menu—only preparing foods that are “fresh, local, seasonal”—has had a major influence on chefs and restaurants throughout the world and has helped to “redefine the American diet.” Alice Waters has worked closely with local farmers and food suppliers who share her belief that food tastes the best and is the best nutritionally when it is grown organically and harvested using environmentally responsible methods. In this respect, Miss Waters is a pioneer in the sustainable agriculture movement that has recently gained visibility now that we are in the age of genetically-engineered foods.

Ongoing advocacy for farmer's markets and sustainable agriculture has led Miss Waters and Chez Panisse to support and create programs that will educate others through hands-on growing and cooking experience. One such program was the Garden Project, which taught organic gardening skills to former San Francisco County Jail inmates. This program transformed and enriched their lives.

Most of all we want to recognize and thank Alice Waters for the time and effort she has given to Berkeley children. The idea of the Edible Schoolyard came to Miss Waters after she noticed the worsening conditions at neighboring Martin Luther King Junior High School. She presented her ideas for an edible garden at the school in 1995. The program has been integrated into the academic curriculum and the school lunch program. For years she

worked with the school staff, community members, and outside supporters to make the garden happen. Today the garden is famous, as is the refurbished kitchen where students cook and eat its bounty together. Principal Smith credits the Edible Schoolyard with helping “change the culture of the school.”

Less well known is the time Miss Waters put in as one of the most active members of the Measure A Site Planning committee at Martin Luther King Junior High School. For two years she worked with parents, neighbors, faculty, and architects on plans to rebuild the school with bond funds allocated by voters in 1992. Miss Waters' insistence that MLK, Jr. High School should strive to be rebuilt as a welcoming, appealing center of learning and community pride inspired us all.

In 1996 she created The Chez Panisse Foundation to help underwrite these exemplary cultural and educational programs.

I thank Alice for dedicating her time and insight for many years and for providing the means for financial support for many important programs. Alice has planted a seed in a garden that has grown into a lush landscape of sustenance from which we all learn and benefit.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES QUINLAN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in recognition of Mr. James Quinlan, a resident of my 20th Congressional District, from Johnson, New York who is being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame for the year 2001.

For the past 24 years, Mr. Quinlan has taught industrial arts at the Vernon Township High School in Vernon, New Jersey.

As a teacher of vocational education, Mr. Quinlan brings a new level to his students beyond the typical stereotype associated with this field of education.

James Quinlan has stated, “yes, of course they're using their hands, but they're working with their minds.”

Mr. Quinlan has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his outstanding contribution to education, including: The 1999–2000 Vernon Township and the Sussex County Teacher of the Year, the 1999 Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar from the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission, and the 1997 National Foundation for the Humanities Fellow.

In addition to his excellence in the classroom, Mr. Quinlan devotes time to his students outside of school. He is a facilitator for project Quest, an adventure-based counseling program for students in need of a personal growth experience. Furthermore, to help meet the challenges of teaching neurologically impaired students, Mr. Quinlan created the Roaring Lion Chair Company. This enterprise places emphasis on developing marketable work skills and attitudes for students with special needs.

Students and colleagues collectively recognize James Quinlan's ability to help students build their individual strengths and skills and understand the world of opportunities surrounding them. Mr. Quinlan respects his stu-

dents and is willing to put forth the extra effort to help them discover more about themselves and their potential.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join in honoring the achievements of teacher James Quinlan and the other four notable inductees into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial “The Moving Wall” that will be placed on exhibit for public viewing at Father Judge High School, in the Northeast section of the Third Congressional District in Philadelphia.

The Vietnam War, which began in early 1957 and ended with the surrender of the South Vietnamese government on April 30, 1975, took the lives of many United States servicemen. Six hundred and thirty of these men came from Philadelphia. Of this total, twenty-seven graduated from Father Judge High School, more than any other private or parochial school in the nation.

“The Moving Wall” was created in October 1984, and first placed on display in Tyler, Texas. Since that time, “The Moving Wall” has traveled to over eight hundred cities honoring America's military men and women who lost their lives during this heartrending period in our country's history.

As of June of last year, there are 58,219 names inscribed on the memorial, and I rise today to recognize the twenty-seven men who courageously gave their lives serving their country and whose names are inscribed on “The Moving Wall”.

Mr. Speaker, these men and the many other men and women involved in the Vietnam War should be commended for answering the call of duty and serving in the United States Armed Services. I am delighted that Father Judge High School was selected as the area host for “The Moving Wall”, and the Father Judge Alumni Association should be commended for their dedication in honoring these men and their efforts in bringing such a distinct honor to the city of Philadelphia.

FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDIA

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was proud to be one of 19 signers of a letter sent last month to President Bush urging him to work to get political prisoners in India freed. We are Republicans and Democrats from across the political spectrum, but we understand that democracies don't hold political prisoners and countries that do are not friendly to democracy.

It is interesting that on the day after we sent our letter, a well-known Sikh human-rights organization called the Movement Against State